

# WEATHER FORECAST

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Tuesday Snow  
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## MURDERER CHEATS A POSSE

NEGRO DESPERADO COMMITS  
SUICIDE RATHER THAN SUR-  
RENDER

## SURROUNDED IN SWAMP

TURNED SHOTGUN UPON HIM-  
SELF AND PULLED TRIGGER  
WITH TOE

## KILLED TWO POLICEMEN

MOB TIED BODY TO BUGGY AND  
DRAGGED IT BACK TO SCENE  
OF CRIME

Abbeville, La., Dec. 20.—A thrilling man hunt terminated yesterday afternoon near here when Roy O'Haro, a negro desperado, killed himself after a chase lasting since last Tuesday when the negro shot and killed Officers Holley and Thomas of this city.

At the entrance to the Chotawatchie swamp, a cordon of one hundred armed men surrounded the negro. Wounded, barefoot and tired, he saw escape was impossible, and, placing the barrel of a shotgun he carried, to his breast, pulled the trigger with his big toe. His body was tied to a buggy by the mob, dragged to Abbeville, and placed in the court house, where it lay for several hours, being viewed by hundreds of morbid people.

## SOME GENUINE WINTER WEATHER IN LAS VEGAS

The past three days have witnessed some of the coldest weather for this time of year in Las Vegas in the past ten years. However, the coldest weather has been at nighttime, hence has caused little or no suffering, and slight inconvenience, aside from perhaps the freezing up of water pipes in residences and stores and the blasting of house plants. During the daytime the temperature has climbed upward, thus modifying the cold wave. The coldest night of the winter thus far was Saturday, when the thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero at the U. S. weather bureau station on the plaza. Last Friday night was the next coldest, with a registration of 11 degrees below zero, while last night the thermometer registered but 9 degrees below zero.

## SIXTEEN BELOW ZERO AT NORFOLK, NEBRASKA

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 20.—A cold wave still prevails in this section of the country. It was sixteen degrees below zero this morning.

Cold at El Paso.  
El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—Ten degrees above zero was recorded here this morning, the coldest weather since 1899. Cattle are suffering over a wide area around El Paso and unless the weather soon moderates, losses will result.

## SENATE CONFIRMS MILLS; FORAKER NAMED AS MARSHAL

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Chief Justice William J. Mills of the New Mexico supreme court, to be governor of that territory, succeeding George Curry, resigned.

President Taft today sent to the senate the nomination of Creighton M. Foraker to be United States marshal for New Mexico. This is a re-appointment. Foraker having filled that position in the southwest territory for the past twelve years. The selection of Foraker ends a spirited fight for the marshalship, participated in by Thomas S. Hubbell, of Albuquerque, N. M.; E. C. Burke, of Santa Fe, N. M.; and Secundino Romero, of Las Vegas, N. M. Foraker is said to owe his victory to the efforts of his brother, United States Senator Joseph B. Foraker, of Ohio.

The president also today named

## TRAINMEN TO PRESENT DEMANDS

JANUARY THIRD DATE SET FOR  
ASKING BIG WAGE IN-  
CREASE

## WILL WAIT FOR ANSWER

REQUEST MUST BE COMPLIED  
WITH BY JANUARY 20th  
1910

## ADVANCE IS IMPERATIVE

PRESIDENT OF B. R. T. SAYS MEN  
WILL INSIST THAT RAIL-  
ROADS COMPLY

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Seventy-five thousand trainmen employed on about seventy-five railroads east of the Mississippi river, will today, through the officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, formally notify the various divisions and railroads affected, that their demands for an increase in wages of from five to forty per cent will be formally presented on January 3. The trainmen, it is said, will wait until January 20th for an answer.

According to W. C. Lee, president of the Trainmen, the chief demand will be for a standardization of the wages of conductors and their crews. A strike is not yet contemplated, but Mr. Lee said that the trainmen will insist that their demands be granted. Asked concerning the statement, credited to some railroad men that in order to raise wages, freight rates would have to be advanced, Mr. Lee said he had been looking for an excuse to do this all the time, but irrespective of such advances, the men must have the pay they demand, even if the companies had to stop paying dividends.

## MILLIONAIRESSES IN ROLL OF STRIKE LEADERS

New York, Dec. 20.—Miss Anne Morgan, a daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, the mistress of millions, appeared today as duly authorized labor leaders, charged with the responsibility of directing in part at least, the strike of 40,000 girl shirtwaist makers here. A statement was issued today stating that these two society leaders will provide adequate legal defense for all members of the union who are arrested while doing picket duty and will personally take up the work of directing the strikers. At Miss Morgan's suggestion a call has been issued for volunteer pickets in the neighborhood, where the strike is in progress. Many of these watchers will be society women. In the meantime, I. B. Hammen, president of the Manufacturers' association, has issued a statement to the effect that "but for their interference the strike would have died a natural death by this time."

## A STATEMENT BY MR. JONES

"East Las Vegas N. M., Dec. 20, 1909.

"Editor Optic:—  
"It appears that your treatment editorially of my connection with irrigation projects in this vicinity has caused a number of our citizens to become pessimistic in regard to the future of Las Vegas. This situation is to be deplored because unwarranted. Las Vegas has been my home for more than twenty-four years. Here are my business and personal friends, and here I have substantial property interests. At the proper time it will appear that I have in mind and at heart the real and the general welfare of Las Vegas. The best results are not always brought about in a manner satisfactory to everyone, and it may be so in this case, but the best results are what we should seek. Beyond question, the lands on the mesa will be irrigated and there will be other development more extensive and more beneficial.  
"At the time of your announcement that the Grant Board had entered into a contract with Mr. Camfield, you quoted me as saying that I was not prepared to discuss my plans, but I had no doubt that in the near future the water question would be amicably adjusted in accordance with the best interests of the community and all parties directly concerned. I still adhere to that statement, despite the attempt to provoke protracted litigation. Conducting litigation has been a part of my professional life and it may be assumed that threats of litigation have no deterrent influence upon me. However, I always advise that litigation should be engaged in only as a last resort.  
"The impression seems to be somewhat prevalent that I am seeking to appropriate water for purely speculative purposes—to sell it to others. This impression is erroneous. The primary object is the irrigation of my own land.  
"Very Respectfully,  
"A. A. JONES."

## SERIOUS SHOOTING SCRAPE IN WEST SIDE SALOON

A drunken row, which may yet have a fatal termination, and which claimed two victims, one of whom will at least be a cripple for life as a result of the melee, took place about 8:30 p. m., Saturday in the Bridge saloon, in West Las Vegas. The victims were Charles Allen, perhaps better known as "Shorty" Allen, a gambler, and Felipe Montoya, a painter and paper hanger. The former is in the county jail, nursing a broken jaw and other painful wounds, being held on a charge of felonious assault while Montoya is at his home, suffering from a shattered knee cap, the wound being inflicted by a bullet from a revolver in the hands of Allen.  
Pedestrians in the vicinity of the Bridge saloon were startled on Saturday evening at the hour already mentioned, when they heard several muffled shots, followed by a racket resembling a small-sized riot. While the stories of the shooting are conflicting the details which seem to come the nearest to being facts are about as follows:

Charles Allen, who arrived in the city last Saturday afternoon from points up the road, seemed to have taken more on board than he could comfortably handle and proceeded about town to get into as much trouble as he could. It appears from all reports that Allen was put out of several of the saloons of the city for being drunk and disorderly and told to go home, but to this advice he gave little heed, as subsequent events show. He continued to make the rounds of the city until about 8 o'clock Saturday night when he landed in the Bridge saloon.  
It is reported that Allen, like many of his caliber when they get a few too many, asked every one in the house to have a drink. The many hangers-on around the Bridge saloon "lined up at the bar." Allen took offense at one of the persons at the bar and an argument ensued. Vile epithets were exchanged when Allen attempted to draw a gun from his overcoat pocket and shoot the obnoxious party. Felipe Montoya, who was in the saloon, saw that Allen intended to draw a gun, stepped up and grabbed Allen's hand. Allen who had gotten hold of the gun fired the weapon three times without drawing it. Two of the shots went into the floor and the third passed through Montoya's left leg. The bullet entered just above the knee and came out below the knee. Montoya, succeeded, however, in getting the gun away from Allen.  
Just what followed the shooting is not known definitely other than that Allen received a terrible beating at the hands of those people who were in the saloon. At the time Allen first made a break to draw the weapon some one was sent out for the police but after a diligent search of half an hour neither the police or the marshal could be found. Deputy Sheriff Enrique Sena was notified and in company with another deputy sheriff and Night Watchman Albert Serrano hastened to the scene of the shooting and took Allen into custody.  
Montoya, who was suffering great

## MISS LILLIAN COLEMAN WEDS ERNEST R. RUSSELL

One of the social surprises of the winter season took place on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when Miss Lillian D. Coleman of this city, and Ernest Rankin Russell, of Atlanta, Ga., were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by Judge Daniel R. Murray, at the Murray home on Fifth street. The wedding was a quiet affair, the ceremony being witnessed only by A. Strauss, uncle of the bride, and Mrs. D. R. Murray and Miss Cornelia Murray. That the affair was a great surprise to the many friends of Miss Coleman in this city was evidenced when the report of her marriage to Mr. Russell became known.

Miss Lillian Coleman, as is best known in Las Vegas, while born in Pueblo, Colo., has been reared and educated in Las Vegas. She is a niece of A. Strauss with whom she has made her home for many years. Miss Coleman has traveled extensively, both in the United States and Europe. She is a charming and accomplished young lady and by her winning ways and personal characteristics, has made herself a decided favorite in social circles of Las Vegas.

Mr. Russell, formerly chief clerk to Superintendent L. J. Myers, at San Marcial, has just recently been promoted to the position of agent at Rincon, N. M. He has had vast experience in railroad work and is held in high esteem by all the officials under whose supervision he has been brought. He is the son of R. Russell, a prominent and wealthy resident of Atlanta, Ga.

Saturday's marriage is the end of a courtship extending over many years. Mr. Russell met his bride under peculiar circumstances. It seems that Miss Coleman was returning to her home in this city from a trip to Europe and was caught in a washout at Lamar, Colo., and delayed five days. It was during this time that Mr. Russell met Miss Coleman and Cupid with ever watchful eye saw that there was love abrewing and put down in his ledger two addresses which have now been changed to one.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell departed on Saturday afternoon for Kansas City from which point they will continue east. Their honeymoon trip will cover a period of two weeks after which time they will return to this city and later locate in Rincon where they will make their home.

## TAFT FILLS FOREIGN POSTS

SENDS NOMINATIONS OF AMBAS-  
SADORS TO THE SEN-  
ATE

## MINISTERS ALSO NAMED

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES TOTAL  
OF ELEVEN CHANGES  
IN ALL

## ROBERT BACON TO PARIS

RICHARD C. KERENS OF MIS-  
SOURI GOES TO VIENNA,  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Taft sent to the senate today the following nominations of ambassadors and ministers:

Robert Bacon, to be ambassador to France; Richard C. Kerens, of Missouri, ambassador to Austria-Hungary; Henry Lane Wilson, of Washington, ambassador to Mexico; Chas. Payne Bryan, of Illinois, minister to Belgium; William J. Calhoun, of Illinois, minister to China; H. T. Gage, of California minister to Portugal; R. S. H. Hitt, of Illinois, minister to Honduras; John B. Jackson, of New Jersey, minister to Cuba; Fenton R. McCreery, of Michigan, minister to Ecuador; Edwin V. Morgan, of New York, minister to Paraguay, and L. S. Swenson, of Minnesota, minister to Switzerland.

## MEXICO URGED TO TRY RAILROAD MAN AT ONCE

Washington, Dec. 20.—"Urge upon Mexico the importance of hurrying the trial of James A. Cook," was the substance of a message today telegraphed by the state department to the American ambassador at Mexico City. This followed a conference between Assistant Secretary of State Wilson and Representative Charles F. Scott, of Kansas. Cook is a constituent of Mr. Scott. Cook was arrested several months ago. The Mexican government at the result of a robbery of a freight train of which Cook was in charge. Representative Scott advised the state department that the railroad men in Texas were threatening reprisals on Mexico by making it uncomfortable for Mexican laborers entering Texas, unless action for Cook's release was speedily taken.

## MILITIA MOBILIZED TO PROTECT MURDER SUSPECT

Springfield Ill. Dec. 20.—Governor Deneen this noon ordered eight companies of the Fourth Illinois Infantry to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to East St. Louis or Belleville to protect, Will Clark, a negro arrested on suspicion of murdering the conductor of a street car in East St. Louis in a holdup Saturday night. Rumors are afloat that a lynching will be attempted tonight.

## LAS VEGAS MAN FROZEN TO DEATH NEAR WAGON MOUND

The first fatality in this section as a result of the almost unprecedented cold weather of the past few days occurred Saturday at Wagon Mound, when Santiago Esquibel, a son of Francisco Esquibel, of Las Vegas, succumbed to exposure.

The dead man left this city last Thursday morning with a gang of laborers employed by the Santa Fe Railway for duty in the water service between Las Vegas and Raton. When the train on which the laborers were passengers arrived at a small siding, four or five miles from Wagon Mound a number of the men got off and proceeded to a nearby store to get a drink. Esquibel was left when the train proceeded, being too much under the influence of liquor to get aboard. That was the last his companions saw of him alive.

## RECOGNITION ASKED BY ESTRADA

NICARAGUAN REVOLUTIONARY  
LEADER TELEGRAPHS SEC-  
RETARY KNOX

## PEACE ON ONE CONDITION

ABSOLUTE EXCLUSION OF ZEL-  
AYA AND HIS FOLLOWERS  
NECESSARY

## WAR TO THE BITTER END

UNLESS INSURGENT CAUSE IS  
RECOGNIZED, FIGHTING WILL  
CONTINUE

Washington, Dec. 20.—"Peace in this country can only be assured by the complete exclusion of Zelaya and his followers. We will continue fighting until this is secured. In the name of liberty and justice on our side we ask you to recognize my government."

This message from General Estrada, at the head of the revolutionary army in Nicaragua, has been received by Secretary of State Knox. The telegram was dated Bluefields and was sent by wireless from Colon. In the same telegram General Estrada says no change in the person of Zelaya as chief executive selected by him or by the congress he controls, will be accepted by a majority of the Nicaraguan people allied to the revolutionary cause.

This telegram contains an authoritative statement that the revolutionary party will not accept as president any one who has had friendly relations with Zelaya. Late telegrams from Nicaragua say the national assembly has been instructed by Zelaya to elect Jose Madriz president and Irisa, chief in command of the army. This is regarded in all quarters but a move to continue Zelaya as the dominant figure. Considerable hostility is being displayed against the American consulate at Managua by followers of Zelaya. Abusive language and threats are of daily occurrence, but no actual violence has as yet been attempted.

## THE ROOSEVELT PARTY AT ENTebbe, UGANDA

Kisumu, British East Africa, Dec. 20.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and party arrived here yesterday and sailed on the Clement Hill steamer for Entebbe, Uganda. The steamer flew the United States flag. It was the first time that the Stars and Stripes had ever flown over a passenger steamer on the Victoria Nyanza. All members of the party were well.

## A Delightful Voyage.

Entebbe, Dec. 20.—After a delightful voyage across the Victoria Nyanza, Col. Roosevelt and party arrived here today. They were driven in a motor car to the government house, where they will be the guests of the governor of Uganda until tomorrow.

## LAS VEGAS MAN FROZEN TO DEATH NEAR WAGON MOUND

It is said that Esquibel, when he found the train had gone started to walk to Wagon Mound. He walked down the railroad track about two miles, when he came to an adobe house. He left the right-of-way, went to the house and dozed off in a drunken stupor. Saturday morning he was found in this house by passersby, frozen almost stiff. He was still alive but unconscious. Esquibel was taken to Wagon Mound immediately, but expired half an hour after reaching there.

Esquibel's companions say that when he left the train he did not wear his coat or hat, and when found he was scantily clothed. That he survived the cold as long as he did is regarded as remarkable.

The body of the dead man was brought here yesterday and burial took place today.